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Sent by email to: cochairs@nnpcf.org.uk

Dear Sarah and Jo

Parent Carer Forum involvement in ILACS inspections

Thank you for your letter of 25th September setting out the views of the National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF) on our consultation proposals. I am grateful for your thoughtful and considerate reflections.

I welcome your support for our ambition to strengthen the role of children, young people and families within inspection. The insights and experiences of those who use services are central to helping us understand how well local areas are supporting children and their families and improving their experiences and outcomes.

I note your proposals on how Parent Carer Forums might contribute to inspection activity in local authorities bringing their individual and collective perspective on the experiences of families with disabled children and children with SEND. We appreciate these thoughtful suggestions and we will consider them carefully as we review the consultation responses and develop the detailed methodology for the renewed framework.

You also raise the relationship between ILACS and Area SEND inspections. While these frameworks have distinct purposes, we recognise the importance of ensuring that intelligence and learning about the experiences of disabled children and children and young people with SEND are used effectively across our inspection activities.

I am grateful for the NNPCF's continued engagement with our work and for your commitment to supporting the development of inspection frameworks. We value the expertise and perspective that Parent Carer Forums bring, both locally and nationally. Thank you again for writing. We look forward to continuing our constructive dialogue with the NNPCF as our work on the renewed framework progresses.

Yours sincerely



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